

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2-6, 8 and 9, and AMEND claims 1 and 7 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A rolling bearing for rotatably supporting a vehicle wheel relative to a vehicle body structure, which comprises:

an outer member having an inner peripheral surface formed with raceway surfaces of double rows;

an inner member having an outer peripheral surface formed with raceway surfaces opposed to the raceway surfaces of the outer member; and

double rows of rolling elements interposed between the opposed raceway surfaces, wherein ~~a surface of~~ at least one of the outer member and the inner member is a stationary member and the other is a rotational member, the stationary member contacting that contacts a member a knuckle made of an aluminum alloy ~~is provided with an electrocorrosion preventive coating containing hexavalent chrome-free chromate,~~

the stationary member has an outer peripheral surface formed with a vehicle body fitting flange for securement to the knuckle and the inner peripheral surface formed with the raceway surfaces for the rows,

the rotational member has one end formed with a wheel mounting flange and has the outer peripheral surface formed with the raceway surfaces opposed to the respective raceway surfaces of the outer member, with the rows of the rolling elements interposed between those opposed raceway surfaces,

a surface of the stationary member that contacts the knuckle and an outer peripheral surface of the vehicle body fitting flange are provided with an electrocorrosion preventive coating,

the electrocorrosion preventive coating further includes a zinc-nickel plated layer provided on the surface of a base metal forming the outer member or the inner member, a chromate layer of hexavalent chrome-free chromate overlaid on an outer surface of the zinc-

nickel plated layer, and a resin layer of a resin system overlaid on an outer surface of the chromate layer.

2-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A rolling bearing for a vehicle wheel for rotatably supporting the vehicle wheel relative to a vehicle body structure, ~~which-comprisesing:~~

an outer member having an inner peripheral surface formed with raceway surfaces of double rows;

an inner member having an outer peripheral surface formed with raceway surfaces opposed to the raceway surfaces of the outer member; and

double rows of rolling elements interposed between the opposed raceway surfaces, wherein one of the outer member and the inner member, which serves as a rotatable member, has a wheel mounting flange for supporting a rim of the vehicle wheel through a brake rotor made of an aluminum alloy, an electrocorrosion preventive coating being provided on a surface of the flange that is held in contact with the brake rotor and on an outer peripheral surface of the wheel mounting flange,

the electrocorrosion preventive coating contains hexavalent chrome-free chromate, and the electrocorrosion preventive coating includes a zinc-nickel plated layer provided on the surface of a base metal forming the inner member or the outer member, and a chromate layer of hexavalent chrome-free chromate overlaid on an outer surface of the zinc-nickel plated layer, and a resin layer of a resin system overlaid on an outer surface of the chromate layer.

8-9. (Cancelled)